

Remarks

Claims 2-20 and 22-26 are now pending in this application. Applicants have amended claims 2-6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, and 22-25, and cancelled claims 1, 21, 26 and 27 to clarify the present invention. Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

Applicants presented an abstract of the disclosure in the preliminary amendment submitted with the application. This abstract does not include the language objected to by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the abstract.

Applicants have amended claim 2 along the lines suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to claim 2.

The Examiner rejected claims 20-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 20 and 22-25 to more clearly recite method steps. "The alignment structure" recited in claim 24 has antecedent basis in claim 20. Applicants have cancelled claim 21. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 20 and 22-25 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

The Examiner indicated that claims 6-19 recite allowable subject matter. Applicants

have amended claim 6 to recite the subject matter of claim 1 from which claim 6 depended.

Applicants have also amended the dependency of the claims as necessary. Accordingly,

Applicants submit that claims 2-19 are allowable.

Similarly, Applicants have amended claim 20 to include the subject matter of claim 21.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 20 is allowable based on the same reasoning for

allowing the combination of claims 1 and 6. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 20 and 22-25 are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 20-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 4,832,530 to Andersen et al. Claims 2-19, 20 and 22-25 should now be allowable as discussed above. Claims 1, 21, 26 and 27 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that this case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit

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Respectfully submitted,

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